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For : MICROELECTRONIC SUBSTRATE HAVING CONDUCTIVE MATERIAL WITH BLUNT CORNERED APERTURES, AND ASSOCIATED METHODS FOR REMOVING CONDUCTIVE MATERIAL

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Washington, DC 20231

RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Dear Commissioner:

This paper responds to the first Office Action in this patent application mailed April 23, 2002. Please extend the period of time for response by one month to expire after August 23, 2002. Enclosed are a Request for Extension of Time and the requisite fee.

In keeping with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121, this paper includes a clean version of the entire set of pending claims upon entry of this amendment. An appendix is attached showing the marked-up versions of the claims amended in the present response. Please amend the application as follows and reconsider the application in light of the following remarks.

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 20, 41 and 52 as follows: